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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Yuji ABE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2542
 Application No.: 10/531,066 : Group Art Unit: 2883
 Filed: April 12, 2005 : Examiner: Guy G. Anderson

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF CLEANING AN OPTICAL FIBER (AS AMENDED)

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 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEES
Total Claims	10	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 22, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.